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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of)
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Review of the Commission's)
Rules Governing the Low Power)
Television Service)

MM Docket No. 93-114

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COMMENTS OF VIKING COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

I wish to inform the Commission that I am in favor of the following purposed changes:

- 1) Abandonment of the "Letter Perfect" Application Standard.
- 2) Expanded use of terrain sheilding.
- 3) Relaxed definitions of minor change.
- 4) Four-Letter call signs.

What I find troubling is the fact that my Low Power television station which is going on-the-air in June, 1993 is not included in Must-Carry.

My station is located in Providence, Rhode Island and will have programming totally dealing with health and fitness and the environment. Local programming will account for up to 30% of our programming. Most of our local programming will deal with important health information. Our station is producing the programming by coordinating with all area hospitals.

Because Low Power is not included in Must-Carry, our station

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has no leverage to get carried by any cable TV systems. Generally cable TV companies have a negative view of low power stations.

It is ironic that the new regulations were meant to improve television yet they inhibit the development of important programming such as that produced by my station.

Give low power television a level playing field and you will find some innovative formats such as found on my station.

Respectfully submitted,
VIKING COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip R. De Sano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" being more prominent than the last name "De Sano".

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